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\$47 per credit hour

Tuition increase coming this summer

Students to pay additional \$2 in tuition

BY ROB DAVIS
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Starting this summer, Parkland's tuition and fees will increase by \$2 to \$47 per credit hour.

For the out-of-district student, tuition and fees will increase from \$156.61 to \$158.61.

"This plan is part of a long range plan to raise tuition as needed to meet expected increases for in-district students," said Jon

Surma, executive director Business Services.

The plan, according to Surma, will span over a five-year period, attempting to compensate for the rising cost of several factors: utility rates, contract negotiations with faculty, and state funding.

"This increase would help the administration plan for rising costs of upkeep for the College without increasing the tuition dramatically every few years," said Surma.

The administration will raise tuition gradually each year to coincide with current economic trends, said Surma. This will keep them from adding a larger increase of \$8 to

\$10 per credit hour in subsequent years.

Surma also added that the increase will go into improving

and/or maintaining the current

level of education at Parkland.

This maintenance comes in the form of buying new supplies, furniture, computers, and other necessary equipment used daily in the workings of the College.

Other uses for the increase include: maintaining the Library, the computer labs, and the nursing and dental equipment.

According to Surma, Parkland is still comparatively "an affordable quality education."

This affordability, said Surma, stems from the cost versus the quality of education at Parkland compared to other in-district and state-wide community colleges.

Currently, Parkland is roughly in the middle of the cost index of community colleges around the state.

"The quality of education received is deemed high," said Surma.

There currently are no

standards by which to rate a community college's quality of education. However, state officials are in the process of forming guidelines to evaluate the level of education received at institutions.

They also plan to use these guidelines to reward the institutions that continually show a higher quality of education by giving them more state aid. This plan could enable Parkland to receive a greater share of state aid.

"This is the ultimate goal for our board's five-year financial plan—to maintain a high quality of education at an affordable price. Not an easy task," said Surma.

Urban League head: Discrimination is still an issue



BY MARIE-PIERRE LASSIVA-MOULIN
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Eighty-seven years ago, an African American and two whites founded the Urban League to integrate the society, and "We're still working on that issue," Tracy Parsons, president and CEO of the local UL, said recently.

"We still deal with racial and discriminatory issues" he said "mostly through the workplace either in hiring practices or in firing situations."

There has been some improvement, Parsons



Tracey Parson, president and CEO of the local UL talks to Parkland College newswriting students about discrimination.



said, and "Most of the racial incidents are more subtle. It's one person's perception over another. It's still an issue that has to be dealt with."

Parsons said he does not think there is more violence in racial incidents. In the 1940s through the

60s, he said, laws were not in place and people could obviously and openly discriminate. "There has been improvement, but we still have a long way to go."

The Urban League speaks on behalf of low income and African-American constituencies, Parsons said, and help is provided through educational, employment, and housing programs.

Seventy percent of the Urban League partici-

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More for your money?

BY BRAD J. NOWAK
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Parkland College students concerned about the recent \$2 increase in tuition passed by the Board of Trustees should know that they're not alone. Among other community colleges in this area of the state, Heartland College has also instituted a \$2 increase in its per-credit hour tuition cost.

Although Parkland's tuition increase makes its per-credit hour cost one of the region's highest at \$47, it is not out of line with the general trend among other community colleges.

Also, cheaper is not always better. Compared to a number of other schools whose districts border on Parkland's, only Richland Community College in Peoria offers more Associates degrees (391) than Parkland.

Parkland offers 130 different associate transfer degrees, 40 associate degrees in career and occupational programs, 24 certificates,

and 10 certificates of completion.

The next closest contender is Illinois Central College, in Peoria which has 84 degrees and a total of 50 certificates.

In addition to a diverse choice of degrees, the quality of instruction here was recognized with An Innovative Program Award by the Illinois Council of Higher Education for Parkland's multicultural education program. The College also cooperates academically with the U. of I.

Among area community colleges, Parkland offers the largest number of sports teams. A new YMCA facility also may be constructed on campus, offering students expanded classroom and recreation facilities.

While it's true that an increase in tuition will mean less money in students' pockets one must decide whether the quality of education and other college services makes the difference for them.

See comparison chart page 5

POLICE REPORTS

PARKLAND COLLEGE POLICE REPORTS

March 3

A staff member reported that two hasp locks on the baseball field equipment lockers were damaged. The lid was also slightly damaged, but the contents of the box were undisturbed.

A fire caused extensive damage to a vehicle in parking lot M-6. The Champaign Fire Department was called to extinguish the fire. The cause may have been faulty wiring.

March 4

A student reported the theft of a cellular phone from his book bag. The phone is an Ameritech model APC300.

March 5

Officers were called to the scene of an argument between a student and a non-student in the flag lounge. Both parties agreed to leave campus.

March 6

A faculty member reported the theft of his briefcase from outside his office door in M-wing. He left the briefcase for a short time and found it missing when he went to retrieve it. The briefcase was later found and nothing had been taken.

March 7

Two male subjects attempted to steal a book from the bookstore. A bookstore employee interrupted the theft and the subjects left the scene.

Opportunity theft is one of the most common crime problems on college campuses throughout the country, including Parkland. Never leave your personal belongings of value unattended for even a few minutes.

Parkland Scholarship recipients honored

Seventeen Parkland College students, all recipients of Parkland Board of Trustees scholarships, were honored at a reception before the board meeting February 19. Valedictorian and salutatorians of high schools in Community College District 505 are eligible for the scholarship. Students honored at the reception, and their high schools are listed below:

Kristin Barnett from Shiloh High School
 Craig Burton from Blue Ridge High School
 Kelly Duitsman from St Joseph-Ogden High School
 John Hausman from Unity High School
 Trisha Hayes from Rantoul Township School
 Jessica Hogan from Unity High School
 Diana Jordan from Blue Ridge High School
 Jacob Livengood from Unity High School
 Cynthia Lubbers from DeLand-Weldon High School
 Nicole McElroy from Judah Christian High School
 Traci Patterson from Monticello High School
 Scott Scharlau from St. Joseph-Ogden High School
 Amy Sharpton from Unity High School
 Joshua Shofner from Deland-Weldon High School
 Jessica Shroyer from Unity High School
 Susan Trotter from Fisher High School
 Christian Walsh from Blue Ridge High School.

Comet Hale-Bopp visible

As Comet Hale-Bopp becomes visible in the evening sky, local groups and agencies will offer the public a telescopic view and be available for questions.

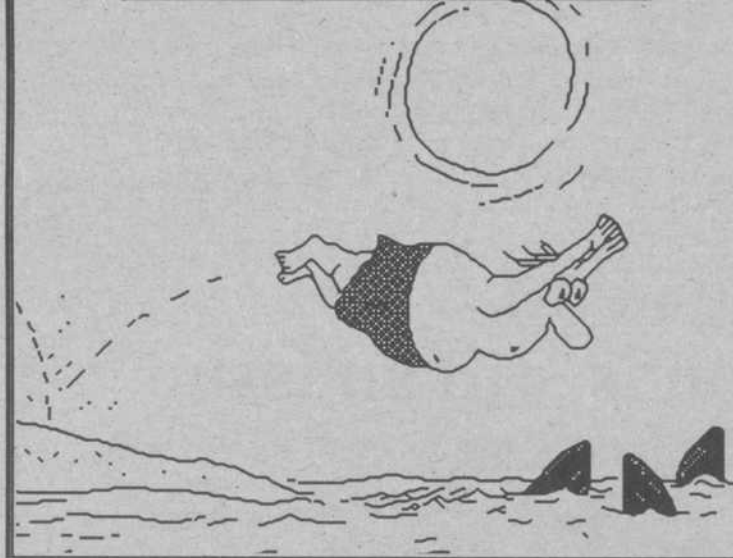
- The Astronomical Society at the University of Illinois will open the campus observatory for comet viewing on Fridays, April 4 and 11, from dusk to 10 p.m.

- The Champaign-Urbana Astronomical Society, the William M. Staerckel Planetarium, and the University of Illinois Astronomy Department will offer public viewing through portable telescopes at Parkland College, just west of the planetarium, on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6 from sunset to 9 p.m.

- The Champaign-Urbana Astronomical Society will host an observatory open house Saturday, April 12 from sunset to 9 p.m. at their rural facility.

All viewing sessions, which are free to the public will be canceled in the event of cloudy weather.

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The University of Illinois is accepting applications for entry level Police Officer positions. Qualified applicants will take the written test on Saturday, April 26, 1997. Also, on April 26, those who pass the written test will be administered a physical fitness test and must complete supplemental information booklets. Persons passing the physical fitness test will be assigned an appointment to take the oral board portion of the exam.

Applications and legible copy of your valid Illinois driver's license must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 4, 1997. No faxed documents will be accepted. Applicants must attend a mandatory orientation meeting to be held on Saturday, April 19, 1997.

Applications may be obtained from:

University of Illinois
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 Contact: Jane Dowler
 Phone: 217-333-0199

Used books needed for scholarships

Phi Theta Kappa books sale April 8, 9

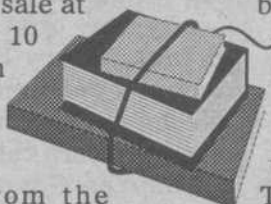
Phi Theta Kappa, international honors society, will have a book sale at Parkland, from 10 am. to 2 p.m. on April 8 and 9 in the Flag Lounge.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for scholarships.

Everyone can donate books and drop them off anytime at the Welcome Center information desk.

Books of any category (literature, art, history, reference, fiction, even children's books and cook-books) are appreciated. However, outdated textbooks, phone books, or other ballast will not be accepted.

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8:00PM Japanese History & Literature: Classical Japan & the Tale of Genji
9:30PM For Arts Sake Ikebana

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

9 AM-4PM Telecourses
5PM-9PM Mid-Term Telecourses

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

5PM-1PM Mid-Term Telecourses

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8AM-9PM Telecourses

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

6:00PM Crossroads Cafe "Trading Places"
6:30PM "Life Goes On"
7:00PM "Breaking Away"
7:30PM "The Bottom Line"
8:00PM Live & Learn: From Eight to Eighty
9:00PM Parkland Community Forum: Champaign County Courts

MONDAY, MARCH 17

6:00PM Parkland Challenge
Rantoul v. Mahomet-Seymour
6:30PM Prairie Central v. Tri-Point
7:00PM Goals 2000: Making College More Accessible
8:00PM A Woman's Fund
8:59PM Eye Exercise & Visual Health
9:21PM Touch As A Healing Treatment

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:00PM Spanish TV Magazine, Program 1
7:00PM Prisma: Paper Art, in English
7:30PM Paper Art & Fluxus Art, German
8:00PM Germany Live: Gottingen, German
9:00PM Gottingen, English
9:30PM The German Scene, in English

If you could choose to belong to any generation in time, when would it be and why?



Season Horn

"The sixties-good drugs, good music, and free love."



James Howell

"1970's because the Black Panthers and pimpin women were strong."



Heather Howard

"Right now."



Donald Knox

"The next generation, so I could see the difference from now, and I would really know if the world ended in the year 2000."



Bill Patterson

"The 50's—The growth and opportunities, I feel, were better."



Jeremy Wright

"I believe there is a reason for me to be here right now. Even though this generation seems to have it a lot harder than past times, I am willing to help people realize that there is always a brighter tomorrow to look forward to."



Luciana Martins Do Vale Carioca

"I'd like to belong in the last century, because of the customs."



Ryan Turner

"1960's- I would like to go to Woodstock and see what it was like. I would want to see some of the old bands play before they got burned out."



Parkland presents Sondheim musical

Theatre clique rolls Merrily through 20 years

BY IRA LIEBOWITZ
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

"I honestly enjoyed all components of this show," said Alyssa Mayfield of Champaign after seeing Parkland Theatre's performance of *Merrily We Roll Along*. "Since every area of life was covered, there was a lot I could relate to and understand."

Merrily atypically starts at the present (1976) and in a series of scenes, embellished by show tunes and ballads, regresses to the year 1957. It traces its heart-calloused characters back to their earlier more idealistic roots during a time when the first satellite, Sputnik, touched the heavens and it seemed all was possible.

"Did you get it? Did you get how it goes back in time?" asked stage manager David Dillman.

Dillman's concern is on target as this somewhat complex play embraces the development and dissolution of friendships, marriages and careers of a clique of theatre folks during a span of 20 years.

Director Dallas Street, whose credits include Parkland's *Lucky Stiff* in 1995, *The Secret Garden* at the Station Theatre and Sondheim's *Follies* at the Assembly Hall, admits to the show's history of being confusing before having

been re-worked. That is why legendary director Harold Prince once had each cast member dress with his/her character's name on a sweatshirt.

During this production, little physical change is seen in the

characters to convey the illusion of reverse aging—except that they shed suits for adolescent sweatshirts.

As do many plays, *Merrily* reflects our lives, foibles and fantasies. It highlights our struggles for fulfillment whether in planting the perfect rose or writing the perfect score. That the protagonist is unfaithful to his first wife despite his love for her, offers a soul-searching dose of human frailty.

"It grows on you," said Don Nelson, professor emeritus of Agricultural Business at Parkland, after Saturday's show. "It has little microcosms of nearly everyone's life. We don't really see where we are going at first, but it all came together at the end."

Our penchant for greed, commercialism, unrequited love and

obsession with celebrity and the media mix into this theatrical stew.

Merrily focuses on a successful song-writing duo, Franklin Shepard and Charley Kringas, who may remind one of Rogers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe or

television. U of I voice student Barry Cohen portrays the more ordinary lyricist. As stereotypes run, the stocky, bespectacled actor seems to epitomize the mold of a cerebral writer, perhaps a cross between critic Gene Shalit, Woody Allen and, if one goes back a ways, the comedian Marty Allen.

As the obstreperous heavy drinker, Mary Flynn, Kerry Kincahn's performance commands strength, especially while hurling scathing barbs at a cocktail party.

Lauren Gasparo portrays the gushy, opportunistic Gussy Carnegie with vitriol and vitality. Precise timing for her aloof, snide comments likely took much rehearsal.

Bill Yauch pays the producer Joe Josephson as a caricature, at times nervously waving a cigar. His wheeling about in an office chair while humming adds comedy.

As Beth, U of I music major Mary Eisenhardt exudes ebullience. Her scene arguing with Frank for child custody is memorable.

Retro-timing may be intrinsically flawed. We see some unpleasant characters trace back their lives to idealistic times. Perhaps having them begin unblemished and then following their demise would have been more realistic and rewarding.

"This story is really a morality lesson"

other songster legends. Added to the artistic mix are writer Mary Flynn, who idolizes Frank, Frank's wives, a movie producer and members of the media.

Though tunes are clever, few are memorable.

"It was difficult using reverse foreshadowing during this play," said the show's musical director D. Scott Ferguson, whose background includes a recent tour with *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. Throughout *Merrily*, he trades off playing piano with Parkland music instructor Tim Schirmer.

At times the performers ham it up in razz-ma-tazz fashion, dancing to brassy accompaniment as the debonair Franklin, Michael Cornell sings up a storm.

During one scene, his sour expression conveys angst with his co-writer who embarrasses him on



Mighty Blue Kings visit Champaign

Chicago based band visits Mables

BY STEVEN WEST
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Looking for some great live music or possibly that perfect date? The answer is right here.

On Wed., Mables will explode with the classy sounds of the Mighty Blue Kings.

The Blue Kings, a Chicago based band who has been together for the last two years, started out in early 1995 playing at Buddy Guys Legends opening up for renownedly known artist Junior Wells.

Within three months the band was no longer the opening act, they had made it on their own, collecting a large following of fans. The Blue Kings began selling

out such headliners as The House of Blues, The Cubby Bear, and the Vic Theatre.

Their music will have you dancin' and screamin' all night long. With such influences as John Coletrain, big band music, and 40's and 50's blues, your feet and hands just can't stop swingin'.

The band puts on one great live show that is an energy packed, in your face, sweaty good time.

The boys will soon have you singing songs like Buzz Buzz Buzz, Big Mamou, Rag Mop, or gently swinging to the Spark of My Life.

The Blue Kings can also be heard on their new CD by R-Jay records, "Meet me in Uptown" which has already sold over 20,000 copies.

Don't miss one of the best shows this year in Champaign.

Notice to Students and Faculty Regarding FINAL EXAMINATIONS

A final examination should be expected in each credit course at Parkland College. Final examinations for all courses with last regularly scheduled class meeting during the week of May 2-8 are to be given during final exam week (May 12-16) according to the official published schedule. Such final examinations are **not to be given early** during regular class periods.

In courses where a final examination is not appropriate as determined by the department, an educational alternative scheduled during the week of final examinations is expected.

Any requests from faculty to alter scheduled final examination times or dates must be reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and the Associate Vice President for Academic Services. Final examinations for all courses with last regularly scheduled class meeting prior to the week of May 2-8 are to be given at the last regularly scheduled class meeting.

Students: These official college guidelines were established to more fully insure that you receive the full set of instructional class periods for which you paid and to which you are entitled and that you have the appropriate amount of time to prepare adequately for your final examinations.

Three final examinations scheduled for the same day may be considered a conflict. Conflicts may be resolved by arrangement with the faculty of these courses.

Questions or concerns about these guidelines should be directed to the Associate Vice President for Academic Services (217) 351-2236.

How does Parkland compare?

A comparison of five area community colleges:

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Danville Area Community College	\$38/\$93	24 A.A.S degrees 23 A.S. certificate	Purchase w/buy back	M & W basketball M baseball W softball W volleyball	Yes	Monthly Newsletter (1 page, front and back) DACC Student Newsletter
Heartland Community College (Bloomington)	\$38 (\$2 increase) No standard course fees—fees for selected course	2 transfer 9 A.A.S. 6 certificate	Purchase w/buy back	No sports facilities Sponsors sports "clubs" which compete in area	Yes	Yes Bits & Pieces Weekly
Illinois Central Community College (Peoria)	\$42/\$160	84 degree 50 certificate	Purchase w/buy back	M & W basketball M baseball W softball W volleyball	Yes	Yes Harbinger
Lakeland Community College (Mattoon)	\$39/\$96.83	50 degree 50 certificate (estimated)	Rental—\$3.50 per credit hr.	M & W basketball M baseball W softball W volleyball M tennis	Yes	Yes Lighthouse
Richland Community College (Springfield)	\$39.50/\$150.73	161 A.A.S. 90 A.A. 101 A.S.	Purchase w/buy back	No sports teams	Yes	Yes The Communicator

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Community College Districts in Illinois
(Chicago Districts inset)



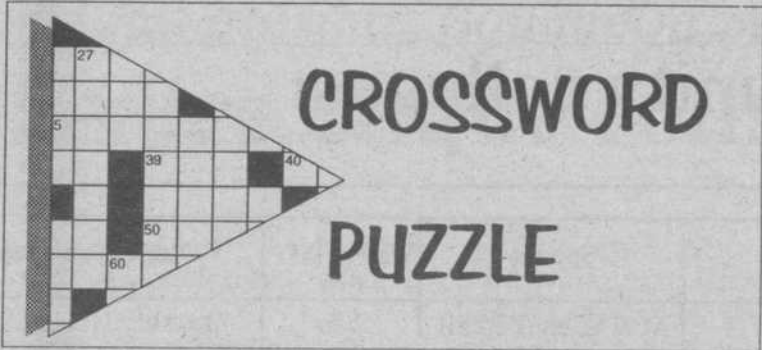
Discrimination

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programs. Seventy percent of the Urban League participants are black, the remainder white. Parsons also serves on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and on the board of Project 18. He said a recent article was incorrect and he is neither for nor against the school referendum. He said the referendum issue is "an opportunity to see how well educated our kids are and how to create a better environment. The Urban League is trying to get the school district to look at and honestly evaluate such issues as the

number of students who are not in gifted programs and the percentage of minority teachers, Parsons said. "African-Americans are on the lower end of that issue," Parsons said. The referendum is an opportunity to look at what can be done to change that environment, he said. The referendum is on April 1. UL offers after-school tutoring programs in five elementary schools for kindergartners through third grade. The program focuses on basic skills such as reading and writing and is administered by paid and volunteer staff. Fourth and fifth graders

can enroll in a science program; a Cyber Club is available for middle school students who want to learn about computers. A six to 10-week Leadership Institute is conducted for high school students. The Home Build program involves housing rehabilitation. A weatherization program and energy assistance program also are administered by the organization. The Urban League has a budget of \$2.2 million this year, Parsons said. It is funded by federal grants, the United Way, and donations from corporations, foundations, and individuals.



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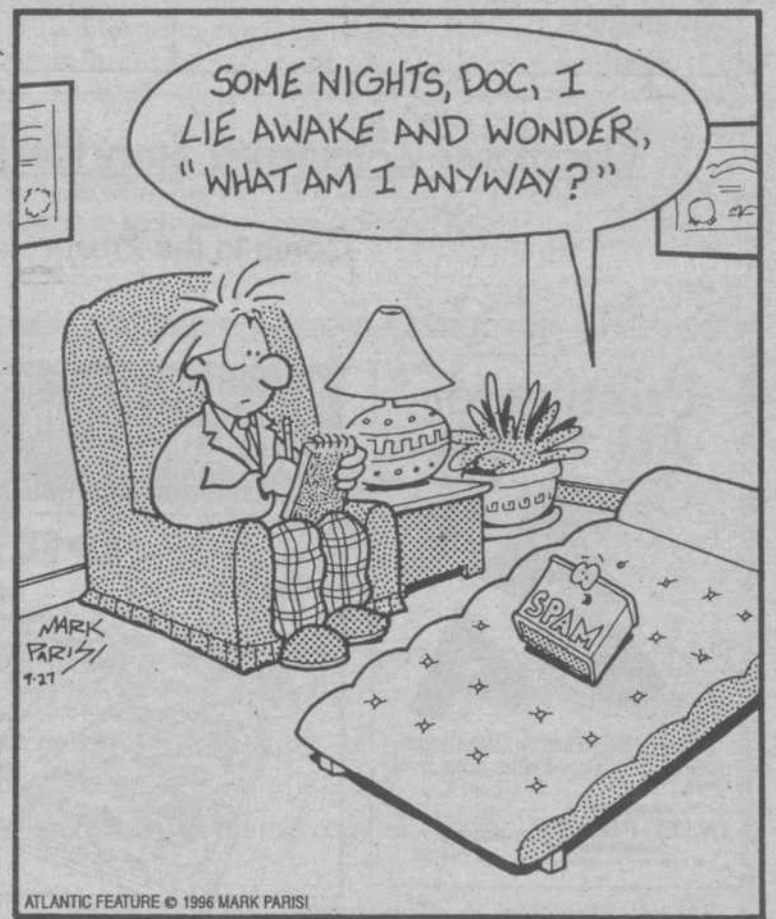
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Sports



ICC ends Lady Cobras season

BY NICK TRAXLER
PROSPECTUS SPORTS WRITER

Parkland's Lady Cobras bowed out of the Region 24 tournament in Godfrey, IL on Saturday evening with an 89-49 defeat.

Illinois Central controlled the game from start to finish and defeated the Lady Cobras for the third time in three meetings. The Lady Cobras raced to a 37-19 halftime lead with intense defensive pressure and their 40-20 advantage on the boards created numerous easy putbacks for

ICC. In their final game this season, Niki Cutchin scored 10 points and sophomore Ruth Hawthorne led



with a team high 11 on 3-7 three point shooting, but it was too little too late.

Other players contributing were Tarr(4pts), Winter(6pts), Massey(2pts), Todd (6pts), Wernz(3pts), Parks(1PT.) Jackie Parks also led the squad with 4 assists.

Five Lady Cobras will move on next year after completing their sophomore season. These players are: Dane Anne Massey, Beth Winter, Ruth Hawthorne, Stephanie Poshard, and Toshia Smith. Good Luck to the sophomores and to our returning freshmen next season.

Cobra ball teams head to Florida

BY STEVEN WEST
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

You know we are close to spring when we start talking baseball. That's right, flowers blooming, birds singing, and bats swinging.

The mens baseball team kicked off their season March 1st against S.Eastern Illinois. The Cobras, led by head coach Rod Lovett, then traveled to Panama City, FL., for tournament

play. The tournament started on March 8th and will last to the 15th.

The ladies softball team will also soon go into action as well. They will open their season the 20th against Wabash at Mt. Carmel.

The lady Cobras will then travel to Florida to play in tournament action. The ladies are led by head coach Argie Johnson. The Cobras feel very confident this season and are looking forward to hitting the field.

Cobras' finish season at 16-17

BY NICHOLAS TRAXLER
PROSPECTUS SPORTS WRITER

Different sites, same end result for both Cobra squads on Saturday at the hands of Illinois Central Community College.

In Danville on Saturday evening the men's squad closed out their season with a 9 point loss to the Cougars from Peoria. The final was 83-74 and the game was marked by inconsistent Parkland shooting (28% for the game) and a solid defensive performance by ICC to hold the Cobras to 74 points.

It also marked the third time this season ICC had defeated Parkland. The tournament loss ended the Cobras season at 16-17.

This season saw Coach Al Nudo suffer through his first losing season as a head basketball coach at any level.

Coach Nudo had this to say about the game and the season, "Our kids always played hard this season and with a lot of heart. I was never disappointed with the effort these men gave and I knew they would give 100%. The results weren't always favorable, but these kids were

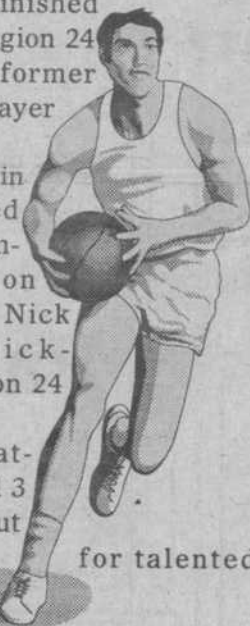
great citizens and I was glad to have the opportunity to coach them.."

Turhon Watson was named to the Region 24 all-tournament team and finished second in the voting for Region 24 player of the year behind former Cobra and present DACC player Durrell Robinson.

Watson tallied 26 points in the loss to ICC and played Sunday afternoon with teammates Bo Chaney(21pts on Sat.), Donald Knox (2pts), Nick Love(1pt.), and Nick-Traxler(5pts.) in the Region 24 All-Star game.

The All-Star game is attended by Division 1,2, and 3 basketball coaches who scout

for talented junior college players. Although the season ended in the semi-finals of the Region 24 tournament this year, Coach Nudo



has high hopes for next season.

Returning for next season will be a nucleus of seven quality players and the squad will possibly add all-state selections from 1996 Jimmy Sanders of Chicago Westinghouse, a transfer from Tallahassee C.C. and Cortez Bond from Decatur, IL.

Although Coach Nudo says, "over the next two months my top priority is to place my sophomores in quality programs to continue their education and their basketball playing time," he also knows that one prize high school player could be wearing the green and gold next season.

Peoria Manual seniors Sergio McClain and Marcus Griffin, members of last years IL Class AA championship team, are coming to Champaign-Urbana next season. Both were to play for the Illini next season, but due to academics, the 6'8" Griffin most likely will be a Cobra. Congratulations Cobras and good luck next year to all the sophomores.



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3/18	1 p.m.	Kaskaskia	at Parkland

Women's Basketball

3/17-3/22	TBA	Div. II National Tournament	TBA
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Tennis

3/15	2 p.m.	Rend Lake	at Parkland
3/17	3 p.m.	Lewis & Clark	Godfrey

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